

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

FROM:

Herbert G. Klein *H.G. Klein*
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

I am passing on a request from the American Society of Newspaper Editors for you to address their convention April 12-16, 1971 here in Washington, D.C.

We would like to endorse this invitation because of the importance of this group and I hope you will be able to accept their invitation. They will put you on the program anytime during the week.

Please let me know if you will be able to fit this event into your schedule and which day would be most convenient.

Confirmed orally with Henry Kissinger that he also endorsed my participation (5 Feb '71). He claimed to speak for the President.

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December 16, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HALDEMAN

FROM: Herbert G. Klein

The American Society of Newspaper Editors has invited Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to speak before their convention here in Washington, April 12-16, 1971.

I realize he seldom accepts speaking engagements, but I believe this would be an excellent opportunity to defend the need for intelligence activities and to counter the recent criticism of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Helms would not, of course, have to go into any details of the CIA operation but could speak in a general way about intelligence requirements.

Do you agree that we should endorse this request?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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April 12-16

December 7, 1970

Dear Herb:

Following up on our luncheon conference the other day, I want to suggest formally that it would be highly salutary if Dick Helms were permitted, indeed encouraged, to make a speech to the ASNE convention next April.

I do not mean, of course, that he should reveal any secrets or, for that matter, get into any sort of discussion of the specific situation in any part of the globe.

What is called for is an intelligent presentation of the need for intelligence in the modern world, and the rationale of pulling these operations together, to the extent that is possible, under one roof. It seems to me that the public has been getting such a dose of comment to the contrary of late that it (particularly the young segment of the public) has taken on a dangerous cynicism as regards the need for a government like ours to have an effective intelligence organization.

Anything you can do to help with this project would be much appreciated by me, and by the nation's editors.

Faithfully yours,

NN/mz

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